

(c) to (e) Out of total funds of Rs. 1775.93 lakhs (Central + State) available for the year 1993-94 to 1995-96, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported expenditure of Rs. 1537.99 lakhs.

The amount utilised by the Government of Andhra Pradesh under PMI UPEP so far is reported to be Rs. 1088.94 lakhs.

[Translation]

IAS/IPS/IFS

2789. SHRI BUDHSEN PATEL :

SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of IAS, IPS and IFS in India, separately, as on December 31, 1996; and

(b) the number of posts of IAS, IPS and IFS belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, minority communities and general categories, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) The total authorised strength as on December 31, 1996 was 5073 for IAS, 3348 for IPS and 2740 for IFS.

(b) In the All India Services, the reservation for SC/ST/OBC is vacancy based and not post based. Reservation in the IAS, IPS and IFS is provided at the stage of direct recruitment through the Civil Services Examination in respect of the IAS and IPS and the Indian Forest Service Examination for the IFS.

Employment Opportunities

2790. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for providing employment opportunities on the basis of wages and self-employment to urban poor in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Gujarat state is being discriminated in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Two Centrally sponsored urban employment schemes, namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated

Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) are being implemented in the country including Gujarat. The criteria fixed for providing self employment and wage employment under NRY is as under :

(i) **Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME)** : Under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), a subsidy of 25% of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 4000/- for general beneficiaries and Rs. 5000/- for SC/ST and women beneficiaries, is provided to the beneficiaries for setting up self-employment ventures. The remaining portion of the project cost is to be provided by banks as loans. Further, there is a training and infrastructure support component in this scheme for providing training and allied support to beneficiaries.

(ii) **Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE)** : The Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE) seeks to provide wage employment to urban poor beneficiaries by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets in the jurisdiction of Urban Local Bodies with a population of less than one lakh. The material-labour ratio has been fixed at 60:40. For casual labour, the statutorily fixed minimum wages for each State/UT have to be paid.

PMI UPEP: The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) launched in November, 1995 has a component of self-employment through setting up of micro-enterprises. Only those urban poor, living below the urban poverty line in urban agglomerations with population ranging between 50,000 to 1,00,000 as per the 1991 census and 72 towns in hilly areas on the basis of house-to-house survey and who should be a resident of the town for at least three years, and should not be a defaulter to any nationalised bank/financial institutions/cooperative bank are eligible under the self-employment component of the scheme.

(b) to (d) No, Sir, no such discrimination has come to the notice of Government.

[English]

Rural Enterprise Development Centres

2791. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up Rural Enterprise Development Centres under Department of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the areas chosen for setting up these centres in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the criteria for considering locations for these development centres; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Gokak-Pandit Committee

2792. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up internal expert Committee viz. Gokak-Pandit Committee to examine issues regarding heavy subsidising of power and irrigation tariffs by the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of subsidy per unit for power and irrigation, State-wise and total burden thereof;

(d) whether State Governments have been directed to revise power irrigation tariffs; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken thereon by the States and the position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No such internal expert Committee viz. Gokak-Pandit Committee was set up by Government to examine the issues regarding heavy subsidising of power and irrigation tariffs by the State Government.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Guidelines for Wasteland Development

2793. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised the guidelines for development of country's wasteland; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There is no guidelines by the name of Guidelines for development of country's wasteland but the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment have finalized the "Guidelines for Watershed Development" for all area development

schemes of this Ministry. These guidelines include Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme, Integrated Wasteslands Development Projects Scheme, Employment Assurance Scheme and Intensive-Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. These guidelines are under implementation since 1.4.1995 on watershed approach.

(b) The details of the Guidelines for Watershed Development are given in the Statement.

Statement

Objectives :

1. The main objectives of these guidelines are to promote the economic development of the village community which is directly or indirectly dependent on the watershed through conservation of land and water resources to prevent further ecological degradation for sustenance for rural community, employment generation opportunities for the resource-poor and disadvantaged sections of the community, check land degradation, through soil and moisture conservation measures and aiming at increasing bio-mass production, to encourage restoration of the ecological balance in the village, equitable distribution of usufructs among the rural people particularly Scheduled Castes/Tribes, agricultural labour, shepherds etc. and involvement of Gram Panchayat/rural people of all communities including disadvantaged groups of society and voluntary agencies.
2. These guidelines provide for constitution of a State Watershed Programme Implementation and Review Committee at State level to co-ordinate and review the activities of the programme amongst various Government Departments and other Agencies involved in Watershed Development activities. The Department of Rural Development shall be the nodal agency to serve this Committee.
3. The Zilla Parishads/DRDAs shall be responsible for implementation of these guidelines at the district level and may constitute a Watershed Development Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer/Project Director of the DRDA at the district level. They will approve the Watershed Development Plan and the selection of Project Implementing Agencies, training, community organization, publicity etc. The Zilla Parishads/DRDAs shall receive funds directly from the Government of India/State Governments for implementing the watershed development programme under these guidelines. Funds for